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1. REFERRING TO RECENT PORTUGUESE-FRELIMO TALKS IN LUSAKA, GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS EDITORIAL OF JUNE 10 SUGGESTED PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES HAD NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY BRIEFED ON FRELIMO DEMANDS. EDITORIAL ADDED THAT "PORTUGUESE LEADERS HAVE NOT YET ASSESSED FULL IMPORT OF DEMANDS OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS."

2. IN CAREFULLY WORDED SENTENCE, EDITORIAL SAID: "THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT ONCE PORTUGAL SAYS CATEGORICALLY THAT SHE WILL ALLOW AFRICAN POPULATION IN COLONIES TO RUN THEIR OWN AFFAIRS, A MAJOR CONDITION FOR CEASEFIRE WILL HAVE BEEN MET." EDITORIAL THEN WARNED THAT "UNTIL THAT HAS COME TO PASS FREEDOM FIGHTERS
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WILL CARRY ON STRUGGLE AS IT HAS BEEN RIGHTLY SAID, IDEPENDENCE

IS NOT NEGOTIABLE, IT IS A RIGHT."

3. EDITORIAL CONCLUDED: "THERE IS NO DENYING FACT THAT WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON BETWEEN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND LISBON REGIME IS HISTORIC AND CERTAINLY WORTH PRAISE, BUT WHEN QUESTION OF FREEDOM SEEMS TO BE DELIBERATELY CIRCUMVENTED TO SUIT CONVENIENCE OF FEW WHITE SETTLERS WHO WANT CERTAIN PERSONAL GUARANTEES, ONE IS LED TO WONDER WHETHER PEACE EFFORTS ARE NOT TACTICS TO HALT MARCH OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS."
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